



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

A Service Provided by the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives
Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor Paula Parker-Sawyers, Executive Director

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Greetings,

This **Funding Opportunities** listing is provided to you by the Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI). The OFBCI was established by Governor Mitch Daniels with Executive Order 05-16. Our office is responsible for the management of the National Service programs, i.e. AmeriCorps, Citizen Corps, etc. throughout the State of Indiana. Additionally, this office will reach out to faith-based organizations to familiarize them with state and federal opportunities for grants and programs and provide training and technical assistance where appropriate for both community and faith based organizations.

We believe that another important part of our mission is to share with organizations throughout the state information regarding various funding opportunities that may address a specific need. Monthly, a listing of funding opportunities will be sent to you electronically which represents notices this office has received within the last 30 days. The listing is organized chronologically so that you can review funding opportunities based on the published deadline. We will make every effort to only publish available grants whose deadline is two weeks or more in the future, recognizing that it takes substantial staff time to develop successful grants. We hope that you will use this listing to further your mission and will let us know if you are successful in securing additional resources.

*Paula Parker-Sawyers, Executive Director
Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives*

Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SUMMARY: The purpose of the CD-TA program is to provide assistance to achieve the highest level of performance and results for six separate community development program areas: HOME; CHDO-HOME; HOMELESS; HOPWA CDBG AND YOUTHBUILD.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: A state; unit of general local government; public housing authority; or a public or private nonprofit organization, including educational institutions and area wide planning organizations.

DUE DATE: June 1, 2005

CONTACT INFORMATION: Yorkshire, Dorthera, Program Analyst, Phone 202-708-0667 ext4336, Fax 202-708-0531. e-mail: Dorthera_Yorkshire@hud.gov
website: www.hud.gov.

<http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/HUD/ODGMO/AT/FR-4950-N-03G-REPOST/Grant.htm>

Department of Agriculture

SUMMARY: The Food and Nutrition Services announces an open grant opportunity for the FY 2005 WIC Special Project Concept Paper Program. The focus area for the Concept Paper Program is Revitalizing Quality Nutrition Services in WIC (RQNS) - Childhood Obesity Prevention (Fit WIC 2).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: This announcement is open to the 88 WIC State Agencies responsible for administering WIC in the States, Territories and Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs).

AWARD AMOUNT: \$15,000,000

DUE DATE: June 1, 2005

CONTACT INFORMATION: The Completed grant application package must be received by FNS at the address listed below on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on Wednesday, June 1, 2005. Applications may be submitted by a delivery service, mail delivery or electronically by accessing <http://www.grants.gov/>. Applications submitted via direct email or fax will not be accepted.

Mailed or hand delivered applications - We advise that you allow ample time to familiarize yourself with the system's requirements. You will need the Catalog of

Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number (10.578), a Data Universal Number (DUNS) and a Contract Registry Number (CCR) in order to apply online.

All applicants who opt to submit their application via **www.grants.gov** must send an email to **lisa.johnson@fns.usda.gov**, advising that the application was submitted through the grants.gov portal. This email must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on the application due date.

Mailing Address:

Lisa Johnson, Grant Officer
USDA, Food and Nutrition Service
Grants Management Division
3101 Park Center Drive, Room 738
Alexandria, VA 22302

Department of Education

SUMMARY: The Department of Education announces funds to: (1) improve results for children with disabilities by promoting the development, demonstration, and use of technology; (2) support educational services activities designed to be of education value in the classroom setting to children with disabilities; and (3) provide support for captioning and video description of programs appropriate for use in the classroom setting.

SUMMARY: This priority supports projects to develop, implement, and evaluate models for using technology to enhance the benefits of standards-based reform for children with disabilities.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, private institutions of higher education and for-profit organizations other than small businesses.

DUE DATE: The deadline for applications is June 6, 2005.

AWARD AMOUNT: Approximately \$1,200,000 is available to fund 4 awards, ranging from \$200,000—

\$300,000.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For further information, contact Tonja Lark at (202) 645-6160 or tonja.lark@ed.gov; or go to <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-8099.pdf>.

Department of Justice/Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

SUMMARY: Department of Justice/Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention requests proposals for the design of the national evaluation of the Safe Start Promising Approaches for Children Exposed to Violence program. The program to be evaluated helps communities implement collaborative, cross-agency strategies to deliver services to reduce the impact of children's exposure to violence.

The purpose of the evaluation is to assess which program strategies yield the best outcomes for children.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, private institutions of higher education and for-profit organizations other than small businesses.

DUE DATE: The deadline for applications is June 7, 2005.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For further information, contact GMS Helpdesk at (888) 549-9901 or helpdesk@ojp.usdoj.gov; or go to: <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/FundingList.asp>.

Department of Veterans' Affairs

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is announcing the availability of funds for applications for assistance under the Capital Grant component of VA's

Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program. Funding available under this NOFA is being offered to help offset the capital expenses of existing state and local governments, Indian Tribal governments, faith-based, and community-based organizations that are capable of creating and providing supported housing and/or supportive service center services for homeless veterans. The District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the United States, may be considered eligible entities under the definition of "State" in the final rule, Sec. 61.1 Definitions.

Interested organizations should know that the vast majority of homeless veterans in this country suffer from mental illness or substance abuse disorders or are dually diagnosed with both mental illness and substance abuse disorders. In addition, many homeless veterans have serious medical problems. Collaboration with VA medical centers, VA community-based outpatient clinics or other health care providers is an important aspect of assuring that homeless veterans have access to appropriate health care services.

It is important to be aware that VA places great emphasis on responsibility and accountability. VA has procedures in place to verify the completion of the capital grant as well as monitor services provided to homeless veterans and outcomes associated with the services provided in grant and per diem-funded programs.

DUE DATE: 4 p.m. Eastern Time on June 8, 2005.

For a Copy of the Application Package: Download directly from VA's Grant and Per Diem Program Web page at: <http://www.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=3> or call the Grant and Per Diem Program at (toll-free) 1-877-332-0334.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: County governments, State governments, City or township governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

APPLICATION SUBMISSION: Submission of Application: An original completed and collated grant application (plus three copies) must be submitted to the following address: VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Field Office, 10770 N. 46th Street, Suite C-200, Tampa,

FL, 33617. Applications must be received in the Grant and Per Diem Field Office by the application deadline. Applications must arrive as a complete package. Materials arriving separately will not be included in the application package for consideration and may result in the application being rejected or not funded.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Dr. Guy Liedke, VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, Department of Veterans Affairs, 10770 N. 46th Street, Suite C-200, Tampa, FL, 33617; (toll-free) 1-877-332-0334.

To view the full grant announcement: <http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/VA/HPGPDP/GPDFO/VA-GRANTS-040405-001/Grant.ht>

National Endowment for the Humanities, NEH.

SUMMARY: As part of its We the People initiative, NEH invites proposals to develop a model for a national competition in the area of U.S. history for elementary and middle school age students through the eighth grade. The project(s) funded will be expected to develop a strategy for creating and administering a comprehensive national competition and to test that strategy.

The competition will ideally challenge individual students to demonstrate historical understanding as well as the facts upon which such understanding rests. The successful applicant(s) will be responsible for developing the grade-level appropriate questions and question formats with balanced coverage of political, intellectual, social, military, economic, religious and cultural history over the entire length of our nation's history. The successful applicant(s) will also recommend an implementation plan for developing new questions and competition formats for the national competition. A detailed plan for evaluating the questions and testing the format must also be part of the test pilot, and that plan must be approved by NEH prior to implementing the test. The applicant will meet quarterly with NEH during the period of the agreement to review progress and provide initial evaluations and findings.

The model for a National History Competition should involve multiple levels of student competition (e.g., classroom, school, region, state or national), but the pilot

project need not carryout the full design.

The proposal should describe how and by whom the competition would be administered at each level. It should include a plan for recruiting students to the competition and for gaining the cooperation and participation of parents, teachers, school administrators and others. The proposal should also describe how and by whom the pilot project would be administered at any competition and should include a plan for recruitment, cooperation, and participation for the pilot project

DUE DATE: June 15, 2005

AWARD AMOUNT: NEH expects to make up to three awards of up to \$200,000 for a cooperative agreement of up to two years.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: U.S., nonprofit, IRS tax-exempt organizations and units of state and local government are eligible to apply. Individuals are not eligible to apply.

NEH generally does not award grants to other federal entities or to applicants whose projects are so closely intertwined with a federal entity that the project takes on characteristics of the federal entity's own authorized activities. This does not preclude applicants from using grant funds from, or sites and materials controlled by, other federal entities in their projects.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

We the People: Request for Proposals for Developing a Model for a National History Competition

We the People

National Endowment for the Humanities

Room 511

1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, D.C. 20506

202-606-8500

NEH continues to experience lengthy delays in the delivery of mail by the U.S. Postal Service. To ensure that your application arrives by the receipt deadline, please consider using a commercial delivery service. NEH will acknowledge the receipt of your application by postcard. Although formal applications cannot be accepted by email or fax, we do recommend the use of such alternative for other kinds of correspondence, including inquiries, preliminary drafts, recommendations, or reports.

To view the grant in its entirety: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/nationalhistoryrfp.html>

Department of Health and Human Services

SUMMARY: HHS announces funds to support coordinated outreach efforts to underserved and diverse communities, to increase the numbers and capacity of advocates and allies to prevent domestic violence in the entire domestic violence community as well as the specific communities to be served by these demonstration projects.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit, community-based, and faith-based organizations, and private institutions of higher education.

DUE DATE: July 5, 2005.

AWARD AMOUNT: Approximately \$1.9 million is available to fund 10 awards, up to \$400,000.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For further information, contact William Riley at: wriley@acf.hhs.gov, or go to <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2005-ACF-ACYF-EV-0077.html>.

Department of Health and Human Services

SUMMARY: The purpose of this program is to provide technical and financial assistance for economic development activities designed to address the economic needs of low-income individuals and families by creating employment and business development opportunities. Grant-funds under this announcement are intended to provide resources to eligible applicants (CDCs) but also have the broader objectives of arresting tendencies toward dependency, chronic unemployment, and community deterioration in urban and rural areas.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Non-profits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Non-profits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education.

Applicants must be a private, non-profit Community Development Corporation (CDC) experienced in developing and managing economic development projects. For purposes of this grant program, the CDC must be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of residents of the community and business and civic leaders. The CDC must have as a principal purpose planning, developing, or managing low-income housing or community development activities.

DUE DATE: June 17, 2005

AWARD AMOUNT: 50 to 55 awards of up to \$700,000 totaling \$16,000,000

CONTACT:

Program Office: Debbie Brown, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services Operations Center, 1515 Wilson Blvd., Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22209, (202) 401-3446, OCSGRANTS@acf.hhs.gov.

Grants Management Office: Barbara Ziegler-Johnson, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services Operations Center, 1515 Wilson Blvd., Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22209, (202) 401-4646, OCSGRANTS@acf.hhs.gov

To view full announcement go to <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/05-7475.htm>

Department of Health and Human Services—Administration for Children and Families.

SUMMARY: Grant Funds are provided to make grants to provide technical and financial assistance for economic development activities designed to address the economic needs of low-income individuals and families by creating employment and business development opportunities.

The OCS will award operational project grants to Community Development Corporations (CDCs) that are experienced in implementing economic development projects.

The primary purpose of the Operational Projects is to assist eligible CDCs, including American Indian and Native Alaskan, and faith-based organizations that are CDCs that have in place: (1) Written Commitments for all projected non-Community Economic Development (CED) funding, (2) project operations, (3) site control for their economic development projects and (4) referral sources (from which low-income individuals will be referred to the project.) Low-income beneficiaries of such projects include those who are living in poverty as determined by the HHS Guidelines on Poverty. This may be unemployed; public assistance recipients, including recipients of TANF, individuals transitioning from the prison system into the community, at-risk youth, custodial and non-custodial parents; residents living in public housing; persons with disabilities; and persons who are homeless. Operational Projects are designed to encourage rural and urban community development corporations to create projects intended to provide employment and business development opportunities for low-income people through business or commercial development.

The opportunities must aim to improve the quality of the economic and social environment of TANF recipients; low-income residents including displaced workers; individuals transitioning from the prison system into the community; at-risk youth; non-custodial parents, particularly those of children receiving TANF assistance; individuals residing in public housing; individuals who are homeless; and individuals with disabilities.

Grant funds under this announcement are intended to provide resources to eligible applicants (CDCs) but also have the broader objectives of arresting tendencies toward dependency, chronic unemployment, and community deterioration in urban and rural areas.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must be a private, non-profit Community Development Corporation (CDC) experienced in developing and managing economic development projects.

For purposes of this grant program, the CDC must be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of residents of the community and business and civic leaders. The

CDC must have as a principal purpose planning, developing, or managing low-income housing or community development activities. Faith-based organizations that meet the statutory requirements are eligible to apply for these grants. All applicants must have a Dun & Bradstreet number.

AWARD AMOUNT: \$16,000,000. Anticipated Number of Awards: 50—55. Average Projected Award Amount: \$700,000.

Due Date: June 17, 2005

CONTACT INFORMATION: To request an application packet: Debbie Brown, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services Operations Center, 1515 Wilson Blvd., Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22209, (202) 401-3446, OCSGRANTS@acf.hhs.gov

To view the full grant:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-7475.pdf>

Department of Health and Human Services

SUMMARY: Basic Center Programs provide an alternative to involving runaway and homeless youth in the law enforcement, child welfare, mental health, and juvenile justice systems. Optional services that programs may provide are: street-based services; home-based services for families with youth at risk of separation from the family; drug abuse education and prevention services; and at the request of runaway and homeless youth, testing for sexually transmitted diseases.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations and faith-based organizations.

DUE DATE: June 20, 2005.

AWARD AMOUNT: Approximately \$13.8 million is available to fund 107 awards, up to \$200,000. A match is required.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Please visit: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2005-ACF-ACYF-CY-0063.html>.

Department of Education

SUMMARY: The Department of Education announces funds to support special seminars, institutes, workshops, and other short-term courses in technical matters relating to vocational, medical, social, and psychological rehabilitation programs, independent living services programs, and client assistance programs (CAPs).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations and private institutions of higher education.

DUE DATE: June 20, 2005.

AWARD AMOUNT: Approximately \$200,000 is available to fund 1 award. A match is required.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For further information, contact Tonja Lark, at (202) 245-6160 or tonja.lark@ed.gov, or go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-9129.pdf>.

Department of Health and Human Services

SUMMARY: The Head Start-Higher Education Hispanic Service Institution Partnership (HS-HEHSIPs) program is funded to improve the quality and long-term effectiveness of program services to Hispanic children and their families by developing academic and other training models and forming partnerships between institutions of higher education and Head Start, Migrant Head Start, and Early Head Start programs.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Eligible applicants

include public and state controlled institutions of higher education and private institutions of higher education.

DUE DATE: June 20, 2005.

AWARD AMOUNT: Approximately \$1.5 million is available to fund 10 awards, up to \$150,000.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For further information, go to: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2005-ACF-ACYF-YP-0011.html>

Department of Health and Human Services

SUMMARY: The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is accepting applications to provide support to public and private entities for the development and implementation of the Community-Based Abstinence Education Program for adolescents, ages 12 through 18, in communities across the country. This funding opportunity targets the implementation of community-based abstinence educational programs designed to: a) reduce the proportion of adolescents who engage in premarital sexual activity, including but not limited to sexual intercourse; b) reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies among adolescents; and c-reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases among adolescents. Priority funding will be given to those entities that demonstrate a strong record of providing abstinence education among adolescents as defined by Section 510(b)(2) of Title V of the Social Security Act, which promotes a strong abstinence until marriage message to youth.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: County governments, City or township governments, Independent school districts, State governments, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, For profit organizations other than small businesses. Faith-based and community organizations are eligible to apply. These grants must be made only to public and

private entities who agree that, with respect to an adolescent to whom the entities provide abstinence education under such grant, the entities will not provide to that adolescent any other education regarding sexual conduct, except in the case of an entity expressly required by law to provide health information or services.

DUE DATE: June 20, 2005

AWARD AMOUNT: \$36,823,000.00. Expected Number of Awards, 70.

CONTACT INFORMATION: To view the full announcement, go to: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2005-ACF-ACYF-AE-0099.html>

Department of Health and Human Services

SUMMARY: Department of Health and Human Services announces funds and the request for applications for professional development and training grants for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in partnership with Head Start and Early Head Start programs to improve staff training and to thereby enhance services to Head Start and Early Head Start children and families. These partnerships are designed to improve the quality and long-term effectiveness of Head Start and Early Head Start grantees by developing academic training models to increase the number of Head Start/Early Head Start teachers with BA degrees in childhood education.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Eligible applicants include public and state controlled institutions of higher education and private institutions of higher education.

DUE DATE: The deadline for applications is June 20, 2005.

AWARD AMOUNT: Approximately \$1.5 million is available to fund 10 awards, up to \$150,000.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For further information, go to: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2005-ACF-ACYF-YH-0004.html>.

Department of Education

SUMMARY: The Department of Education announces funds to support projects to help eligible children become ready for school.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Eligible applicants include independent school districts, nonprofit, community-based, and faith-based organizations.

DUE DATE: June 20, 2005

AWARD AMOUNT: Approximately \$992,000 is available to fund 4 awards, up to \$300,000.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For further information, contact Tonja Lark@ed.gov, or go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-9132.pdf>.

Department of Veterans' Affairs

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is announcing the availability of funds for applications for assistance under the Life Safety Code grant component of VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program. This Notice contains information concerning the program, application process and amount of funding available.

Due Date: June 22, 2005.

AWARD AMOUNT: Total Program Funding, \$1,000,000.00

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: State governments, County governments, City or township governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

CONTACT INFORMATION: For a Copy of the Application Package: Download directly from VA's Grant and Per Diem Program Web page at:

<http://www.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=3>

or call the Grant and Per Diem Program (toll-free) 1-877-332-0334.

An original completed and collated grant application (plus two copies) must be submitted to the following address: VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Field Office, 10770 N. 46th Street, Suite C-200, Tampa, Florida 33617. Applications must be received in the Grant and Per Diem Field Office by the application deadline. Applications must arrive as a complete package. Materials arriving separately will not be included in the application package for consideration and may result in the application being rejected or not funded.

For a document relating to the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, see the final rule published in the Federal Register (68 FR 55467) on September 26, 2003.

Dr. Guy Liedke, VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program Field Office, Department of Veterans Affairs, 10770 N. 46th Street, Suite C-200, Tampa, FL 33617 or phone (toll-free) 1-877-332-0334.

The full announcement can be viewed at: <http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/VA/HPGPDP/GPDFO/VA-GRANTS-040405-002/Grant.html>

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

SUMMARY: The ACF announces that competing applications will be accepted for new grants. The purpose of this grant is to provide training and technical assistance to community facilities on water and waste water management systems for small, rural low-income communities with low-income beneficiaries.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Multi-state, regional, private, and non-profit organizations including faith-based and community-based organizations that can provide training and technical assistance to small, rural communities concerning their community facility needs.

DUE DATE: June 24, 2005

AWARD AMOUNT: 6 to 7 awards of up to \$1 million totaling \$6,719,000

CONTACT INFORMATION: Veronica Terrell (202) 401-5295, vterrell@acf.hhs.gov, or Carol Watkins (202) 401-9356, cwatkins@acf.hhs.gov.

Web site address for reading and downloading applications: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs_double click on "Funding Opportunities"

To view full announcement go to <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/05-8133.htm>

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

SUMMARY: Local Initiative Funding Partners (LIFP) is a partnership program between The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and local grant-makers that supports innovative community-based projects to improve health and health care for vulnerable populations. Under LIFP, a local grant-maker proposes a funding partnership with RWJF on behalf of a local applicant to support a project that is consistent with the Foundation's goals.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Eligible applicants include public entities or nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status whose projects are nominated by a local funder.

DUE DATE: The deadline for applications is June 30, 2005.

AWARD AMOUNT: Approximately \$6,000,000 is available to fund awards, ranging from \$100,000-\$500,000. A match is required.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For further information, contact LIFP at (609) 275-4128; or go to <http://www.lifp.org/>

U.S. Department of Agriculture's Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

SUMMARY: The USDA is pleased to announce a

grant opportunity available through the Food Aid Program of the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service. The Food for Progress program is used in countries that have made commitments to introduce or expand free enterprise elements in their agricultural economies through changes in commodity prices, marketing, input availability, distribution and private sector involvement.

Food for Progress proposals should focus on private sector development of agricultural sectors such as improved agricultural techniques, marketing systems, farmer education and cooperative development, expanded use of processing capacity, development and introduction of new foods and/or development of agriculturally related businesses. The following are examples of activities that might achieve these goals:

1. Create or rehabilitate improved market systems that include warehouse security, storage (cold chain), inventorying, waterways or roads systems.
2. Educate farmers and communities in cooperative development activities that improve livelihoods or food systems.
3. Strengthen science-based sanitary and phytosanitary standards for agriculture markets.
4. Develop businesses that provide support to farmers to improve yields including seeds, irrigation equipment, trucks, and warehouses.
5. Strengthen or introduce financial systems (loans or grants) to encourage adoption of new agricultural technologies, methods and business development.

Improve agricultural techniques; (e.g., water conservation methods, crop rotation, soil retention, farm inputs, and efficient harvesting methods).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Commodities are currently provided on a donation basis to foreign governments, private voluntary organizations, non-profit organizations, including faith-based organizations, cooperatives, or intergovernmental organizations.

DUE DATE: June 30, 2005.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For details on how to prepare and submit your proposal, please visit the following web page: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/excredits/>

FoodAid/FFP/ffp.html

For more information on the Foreign Agricultural Service and its Food Aid Programs, please visit <http://www.fas.usda.gov/food-aid.html>

Social Security Administration (SSA)

SUMMARY: The Social Services Administration announces the availability of funds to extend community-based benefits planning, assistance, and outreach projects that disseminate accurate information to beneficiaries with disabilities (including transition-to-work aged youth) about work incentives programs and issues related to such programs, to enable them to make informed choices about work.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Only SSA Benefits Planning, Assistance, and Outreach program grantee organizations whose current Budget Period ends September 29, 2005 are eligible to apply.

DUE DATE: June 24, 2005

AWARD AMOUNT: Approximately 92 awards are available, ranging from \$29,166-\$175,000. A match is required.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For further information, contact Garry Stammer, at (410) 965-9501 or garry.stammer@ssa.gov; or go to: <http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/SSA/OAG/OESP/SSA-OAG-05-4/Grant.html>.

The United Methodist Church Women's Division

SUMMARY: The UMCW announces funds for projects and programs that address the needs of children and young people between the ages of 5 to 18 years of age in the areas of peacemaking, anti-abuse and non-violence.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Eligible applicants include non-profit, community-based, and faith-based organizations.

DUE DATE: July 1, 2005.

AWARD AMOUNT: Awards range from \$4,000—\$10,000.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For further information, contact Mary Beth Coudal at MBCoudal@gbgm-umc.org; or go to http://gbgm-umc.org/umw/BFCY_grant.html.

Department of Health and Human Services

SUMMARY: HHS announces funds to establish, develop, and maintain a Technical Assistance Center (TA Center) for mental Health Promotion and Youth Violence Prevention. The TA Center will support the federally funded SAFE Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS), Youth Violence Prevention (YVP), and Targeted Capacity Expansion: Prevention and Early Intervention (TCE) grant programs. The Safe Schools/Healthy Students, Youth Violence Prevention, and Targeted Capacity Expansion grant programs provide funds to various entities to plan, implement, evaluate, and sustain programs to foster resilience, promote mental health, and prevent youth violence and mental and behavioral disorders.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, public housing authorities and private institutions of higher education.

DUE DATE: July 1, 2005.

AWARD AMOUNT: Approximately \$5 million is available to fund 1 award.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For further information, contact Michelle Bechard, at (240) 275-1872 or michelle.bechard@samhsa.hhs.gov. or go to: http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2005/nofa/sm05020_mhp_yvp.aspx.

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CVS/Pharmacy Charitable Trust

SUMMARY: The CVS/Pharmacy Charitable Trust is accepting applications for the following: 1) health programs serving children (under the age of 18) with physical disabilities that address the following: awareness; accessibility; early intervention; and health and rehabilitative services; 2) public schools (Pre-K through 12) that are expanding programs promoting inclusion of children with physical disabilities in all aspects of school functions, including Student Academic Activities; Extracurricular Programs; and Physical Activity/Play.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Eligible applicants include independent school districts, nonprofit organizations and others.

DUE DATE: June 15, 2005.

CONTACT INFORMATION: for further information, go to: http://www.cvs.com/corpInfo/community/charitable_mission.html.

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.

SUMMARY: The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation is accepting proposals for projects that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and/or their programs designed to benefit youth and can be adequately used by society.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations.

DUE DATE: June 15, 2005

AWARD AMOUNT: Awards ranging from \$1,500—\$70,000 are available.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For further information, go to: <http://www.cwf-inc.org/docs/>

Colin Higgins Foundation

SUMMARY: The Colin Higgins Foundation support organizations that focus on the following: 1) responding to the HIV/AIDS pandemic by supporting organizations and programs in the areas of HIV/AIDS; and 2) empowering lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) peoples by supporting organizations that foster leadership in these communities and combat homo-phobia.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Eligible applicants include nonprofit and community-based organizations.

DUE DATE: July 1, 2005.

AWARD AMOUNT: Awards range from \$5,000—\$15,000.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For further information, go to: <http://www.colinhiggins.org/grantmaking/index.cfm>.

Department of Education

SUMMARY: The Department of Education announces funds to plan and conduct research, demonstration projects, training, and related activities that help to maximize the full inclusion and integration of individuals with disabilities into society and to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Act).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, public housing authorities, private institutions of higher education, and for-profit organizations other than small businesses.

DUE DATE: July 5, 2005.

AWARD AMOUNT: Approximately \$1 million is available to fund 2 awards, up to \$500,000.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For further information, contact Tonja Lark, at (202) 245-6160 or tonja.lark@ed.gov, or go to <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-8998.pdf>

Department of Housing and Urban Development

SUMMARY: HUD announces funds to assist HOPE VI grantees to work cooperatively with grassroots, faith-based and other community based organizations as part of their Community and Supportive Services (CSS) programs. The CSS is a demonstration program that will assist HUD in determining if a mentoring assistance model improves the results of self-sufficiency type programs.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Eligible applicants include nonprofit, community-based organizations, and public housing authorities.

DUE DATE: July 7, 2005.

AWARD AMOUNT: Approximately \$525,000 is available to fund 4 awards, up to \$175,000.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For further information, contact Dorthera Yorkshire, at (202) 708-0667 or Dorthera_Yorkshire@hud.gov, or go to: https://apply.grants.gov/forms_apps_idx.html.

Department of Health and Human Services

SUMMARY: HHS announces funds to upgrade and integrate state and local public health jurisdictions/preparedness for and response to terrorism and other public health emergencies with Federal, State, local and tribal governments, the private sector, and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). These emergency

preparedness and response efforts are intended to support the National Response Plan (NRP) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Eligibility is limited to those currently funded through cooperative agreement 99051 and authorized under 42 U.S.C. 247d-3.

DUE DATE: July 13, 2005.

AWARD AMOUNT: Approximately \$862 million is available to fund 62 awards, ranging from \$411,000-\$62 million.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For further information, contact Technical Information Management Section, at (770) 488-2700 or pgotim@cdc.gov; or go to: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/grantmain.htm>.

Department of Health and Human Services

SUMMARY: HHS announces funds to develop and test innovative, informative, and cost-effective study designs and analytical strategies to perform genome-wide association studies on diseases that affect the heart, lung, blood, and sleep.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, private institutions of higher education, for-profit organizations other than small businesses.

DUE DATE: July 21, 2005.

AWARD AMOUNT: Approximately \$2,600,000 is available to fund 7 awards, up to \$200,000.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For further information, contact NIH OER Webmaster at FBOWebmaster@OD.NIH.GOV; or go to: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfafiles/RFA-HL-05-011.html>.

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NFL Youth Football Fund

SUMMARY: The goal of the NFL Grassroots Program is to provide financial and technical assistance to improve the quality, safety, and accessibility of local football fields.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Eligible applicants include nonprofit, community-based organizations and middle or high schools located within NFL Target Markets and serving low-and moderate-income areas within those markets.

DUE DATE: The deadline for applications is August 20, 2005.

AWARD AMOUNT: Awards of up to \$200,000 are available. A match is required.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Beverly Smith, LISC, at (212) 455-9881 or bsmith@liscnet.org; or go to: <http://www.lisc.org/whatwedo/programs/nfl/rfp.shtml>

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

SUMMARY: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation announces funds to support projects that will increase understanding of public and private policy interventions to prevent, treat and reduce the harm caused by the use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs-including the advantages, disadvantages and potential impact of these policies.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and public agencies.

DUE DATE: The deadline for applications is August 23, 2005.

AWARD AMOUNT: Approximately \$3.5 million is available to fund awards, ranging from \$100,000-\$400,000.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Tracy Enright Patterson at (336) 286-4418; or go to: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/program/cfp.jsp?CFPCODE=SPR>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

SUMMARY: The USDA's Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is pleased to announce a grant opportunity available through the Food Aid Program of the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service.

The McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program

SUMMARY: The McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program helps promote education, child development, and food security for some of the world's poorest children. It provides for donations of U.S. agricultural products, as well as financial and technical assistance, for school feeding and maternal and child nutrition projects in low-income countries.

The program is named in honor of Ambassador and former Senator George McGovern and former Senator Robert Dole for their tireless efforts to encourage a global commitment to school feeding and child nutrition. The McGovern-Dole program replaced the pilot Global Food for Education Initiative, under which nearly 7 million children were fed from 2001-2003.

DUE DATE: August 31, 2005

CONTACT INFORMATION: For details on how to prepare and submit your proposal, please visit the following web page: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/excredits/FoodAid/FFE/FFE.html>

For more information on the Foreign Agricultural Service and its Food Aid Programs, please visit <http://www.fas.usda.gov/food-aid.html>

Department of Health and Human Services/National Institute on Aging

SUMMARY: The ADCCs are designed to serve as shared research resources that will facilitate research on Alzheimer's disease (AD) and related disorders, distinguish them from the process of normal brain aging and mild cognitive impairment (MCI) and lead to better di-

agnostic and treatment strategies.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Eligible applicants include city or township governments, independent school districts, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, public housing authorities, private institutions of higher education, for-profit organizations other than small businesses and small businesses. Foreign institutions may participate as sub-contractors within a Center.

DUE DATE: The deadline for applications is September 20, 2005.

AWARD AMOUNT: Approximately \$10.5 million is available to fund 8 awards, up to \$750,000.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For further information, contact NIH OER Webmaster at: FBOWebmaster@OD.NIH.GOV; or go to: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/eguide/rfa-files/RFA-AG-05-010.html>.

The ASCAP Foundation

SUMMARY: The ASCAP Foundation is dedicated to supporting American music creators and encouraging their development through music education and talent development programs. The foundation will consider applications for FY 2006 funding from other 501(c)(3) organizations engaging in music education and talent development programs that are consistent with the mission and objectives of the ASCAP Foundation and which support music education programs for aspiring songwriters and composers.

DUE DATE: October 1, 2005.

AWARD AMOUNT: Awards up to \$5,000 are available.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For further information, contact the ASCAP Foundation at (212) 621-6219 or ascapfoundation@ascap.com; or go to: <http://www.ascapfoundation.org/grants.html>.

Department of Health and Human Services

SUMMARY: HHS Announces a three-to-five-year non-renewable career development award made to faculty at a minority institutions.

Candidates will be faculty members at a minority institution; have research experience (length of time may vary); and be committed to developing into independent biomedical investigators in research areas relevant to the mission of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (i.e., cardiovascular, pulmonary, hematologic, or sleep disorders research).

The award will enable suitable faculty members holding doctoral degrees, such as the Ph.D., M.D., D.O., D.V.M., or an equivalent degree, to undertake special study and supervised research under a mentor who is an accomplished investigator in the research area proposed and has experience in developing independent investigators.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Eligible applicants include public and state controlled institutions of higher education and private institutions of higher education.

DUE DATE: There are multiple deadline dates. Please see link to full announcement for details.

AWARD AMOUNT: Approximately \$300,000 is available to fund 2 awards.

CONTACT INFORMATION: NIH OER Webmaster at: FBOWebmaster@OD.NIH.GOV; or go to: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HL-05-016.html>.

Computer Associations International (CA)

SUMMARY: Computer Associations International funds programs that connect children to the power of technology. CA supports applications that promote the following: student learning and enthusiasm for math, science and technology; innovative use of technology in

the classroom; technology education to underserved children; exposing children to interactive technology; technology as an innovative resource for children; and inter-generational technology learning.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and educational institutions that provide direct programs and services to you, from ages pre-school to high school seniors.

DUE DATE: Online applications are accepted at any time.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For further information, contact CA at (631) 342-625; or go to: <http://ca.com/community/grants.htm>

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SUMMARY: Department of Health and Human Services announces funds to promote diversity in undergraduate and health professional student populations by providing short-term research support to stimulate career development in cardiovascular, pulmonary, hematologic, and sleep disorders research.

The overall goal of the program is to provide research opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, racial and ethnic minorities, and others who are underrepresented in biomedical and behavior research (e.g., individuals with disabilities), that will significant contribute to a diverse research workforce in the future.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, private institutions of higher education, for-profit organizations other than small businesses and community-based organizations.

DUE DATE: There are multiple deadline dates. Please see link to full announcement for details. <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HL-05-018.html>

AWARD AMOUNT: Approximately \$750,000 is available to fund 8 awards.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For further information, contact NIH OER Webmaster at: FBOWebmaster@OD.NIH.GOV; or go to: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HL-05-018.html>

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SUMMARY: Department of Education announces twenty (20) FY 2006 competitions for grants to support education research. The intent of these grants is to provide national leadership in expanding fundamental knowledge and understanding of education from early childhood education through postsecondary and adult education. A central purpose is to provide parents, educators, students, researchers, policymakers, and the general public with reliable and valid information about education practices that support learning and improve academic achievement and access to education opportunities for all students.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Eligible applicants include public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit, and for-profit organizations, and private institutions of higher education.

AWARD AMOUNT: Awards up to \$1.2 million are available.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For further information, contact Tonja lark, at (202) 245-6160 or tonja.lark@ed.gov, or go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-9131.pdf>

RESOURCES

Free Search Tools to Nonprofits. **Google**, through its new Public Service Search Section, is offering nonprofit organizations two free search tools for use on their websites: site Search, for searching within sites; and Web-Search, enabling users to search the Internet by keyword.

The new, free service also offers traffic reports, unlim-

ited queries, and allows for customization. No banner ads or other paid advertising will show on search result pages.

For further information, go to: <http://services.google.com/publicservice/login>.

VERIZON FOUNDATION

The Verizon Foundation launched an online initiative designed to help nonprofit organizations operate more efficiently. The center provides free access to a national database of technology resources that include an online library, research papers, articles and specialists who can assist nonprofits in running their business operations more efficiently.

For further information, go to:

<http://foundation.verizon.com/resourcecenter>.

NCLB UPDATE

(<http://www.ed.gov/nclb/>)

On May 10, Secretary Spellings presented further details of a new *No Child Left Behind* policy designed to help states better assist students with disabilities. The guidelines follow-up on the Secretary's declaration last month that she would provide states with additional alternatives and flexibility to implement the law. The agency already allows states to test one percent of students -- those with the most significant cognitive disabilities -- using alternate assessments, based on alternate achievement standards, and "count" their proficient scores as such. Now, another two percent of students with disabilities may be allowed to take alternate assessments based on modified standards.

In order to be eligible for this short-term flexibility, states must meet certain requirements, including:

- testing at least 95 percent of students with disabilities;
- putting in place appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities;
- for students with disabilities who are unable to take the regular assessment, making available alternate assessments in reading/language arts and math; and
- adjusting the minimum number of special education students required to calculate Adequate Yearly Progress

(AYP), or "N-size," so that it is no larger than the overall group size.

Also, each state must request to amend their accountability plan by June 1 and furnish specifics on their actions taken to raise achievement for students with disabilities, with evidence that such efforts are improving achievement.

After meeting those requirements, states have two options for 2004-05 AYP decisions:

- **Option 1.** States that do not have modified achievement standards for students with disabilities may make an adjustment to provide additional credit to schools or school districts that would miss making AYP solely because of students in that subgroup. Essentially, states will add a "proxy" passing percentage to the proportion of special education students who actually passed the tests; the actual passing percentage plus the proxy would determine the special education subgroup score.

- **Option 2.** States that do have modified achievement standards for students with disabilities may count in AYP calculations the proficient scores of students tested on the modified standards, up to the two percent cap. These states must also show they have administered tests based on modified standards for over two years, established clear testing guidelines, used a valid method to craft the tests, and trained teachers in how to use them.

In addition, the Secretary will consider other options offered by states. However, the same option must be used statewide.

The Department is working on a final rule. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2005/05/05102005.html>.

("The Pursuit of Raising Achievement," which explains the process for requesting approval of flexibility in general, is available at <http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/raising/disab-amendment.html>).

"Interim Policy: Accountability for Students with Disabilities Accountability Plan Amendments for 2004-05," referencing the special education flexibility above, is available at <http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/raising/disab-acctplan.html>.)

CONGRESSIONAL ACTION

Meanwhile, speaking May 6 at the annual meeting of the Education Writers Association, the Secretary called on the broadcast and print media to focus on "the quiet revolution" made possible by the *No Child Left Behind Act*.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, please visit: <http://www.ed.gov/news/speeches/2005/05/05062005.html>.

Several important pieces of education legislation are working their way through Congress. First, on May 18, the House Committee on Education and the Workforce unanimously approved a bill that would introduce greater competition into the federal Head Start program, as well as strengthen school readiness and increase the role of states and local communities. (Secretary Spellings praised the action in a statement: <http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2005/05/05182005a.html>.)

Second, recently, the full House passed a bipartisan bill to reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act. House and Senate lawmakers are working to reconcile differences in their bills. And, this week, Govs. Tom Vilsack (IA) and Mitt Romney (MA) testified on high school reform (<http://edworkforce.house.gov/hearings/109th/fc/highschool051705/wl51705.htm>).

NEW COMMISSIONER

Edward Kame'enui, an international authority on learning problems and special education, has been named the nation's first Commissioner for Special Education Research. He will lead a newly established office within the Institute of Education Sciences (IES), the research arm of the Education Department. A native of Hawaii, Kame'enui started his special education career in 1971 as a teacher and houseparent at a residential treatment center, in Wisconsin, for children with serious emotional and behavior problems. He joins IES from the University of Oregon, where he has been a faculty member for the past 17 years. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2005/05/05182005.html>.

SCHOOL-BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

"The How-To Guide for School-Business Partnerships," an exciting new resource from the Council for Corporate & School Partnerships, is designed for school officials

and/or business leaders who are interested in effective partnerships. The guide is a result of extensive research and personal interviews with individuals who have experience creating, implementing, and evaluating successful partnerships.

For more information, please go to: <http://www.corpschoolpartners.org/guide.shtml>. (Quite appropriately, the Council notes that the guidelines are not intended to serve as an exact prescription, but rather to provide a framework in which to build a partnership that fits local needs.)

Also: On May 17, Secretary Spellings addressed the Business and Professional Women's Leadership Summit, calling education "the key" to "helping the next generation take advantage of the freedoms we enjoy."

For More Information, please go to: <http://www.ed.gov/news/speeches/2005/05/05172005.html>.

READY FOR COLLEGE?

"Troubling" is the word Indiana University researchers used to explain the findings of its 2004 survey of 90,530 high school students in 26 states, when compared to earlier surveys of community college and four-year college students. For example, fully 55 percent of high school students polled said they devoted no more than three hours a week to class preparation (with 65 percent reporting getting A's or B's). On the other hand, half the first-year, four-year college students reported spending over 10 hours a week studying outside of class, and one-quarter of community college students (with less than 30 credit hours) spent 11 or more hours preparing for courses each week. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.iub.edu/~nsse/hssse/>.

QUOTE TO NOTE

"As we watch nations...take the first steps toward democracy, we remember that democracy begins with education. And after more than two centuries, education still lies at the heart of our great experiment and our quest for 'a more perfect union.' We can't fulfill the promise of equal opportunity until we first provide every boy and girl with a quality education. It's a promise we need to keep."

-- Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings
(5/17/05)

UPCOMING EVENTS

On June 1, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Sumner School (1201 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.), the National Center for Education Statistics will hold a briefing on the results from "The Condition of Education 2005." This congressionally mandated report contains 40 indicators on conditions and trends in elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education, with a special analysis on the teacher workforce. To RSVP, please contact Elizabeth Osterman at mailto:eosterman@air.org by May 27. (Note: On June 1, the report will be posted by 9:00 a.m. at <http://nces.ed.gov/>.)

Then, on June 2, the Department's Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives will host a workshop in New Orleans to assist faith-based and community organizations applying to become supplemental educational service providers. The workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. The deadline for registration is May 31. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.ed.gov/about/inits/list/fbci/suppserv-workshops.html>.

The Department's next "Education News Parents Can Use" broadcast, the final broadcast of the 2004-05 season, is scheduled for June 21. The topic: service learning. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://registerevent.ed.gov/download/event-flyer.asp?intEventID=186>.